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DRAFT NOTE CONTAINED IN REF OM INCLUDES ONE ELEMENT WHICH WE THINK WILL HAVE UNFORTUNATE CONSEQUENCES, NAMELY CONCLUDING STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO GERMANS REQUIRING APPLICANT FOR NATURALIZATION TO PRESENT COPY OF CERTIFICATE OF LOSS OF NATIONALITY. UNDER PRESENT PRACTICE, APPLICANT APPEARS HERE, RENOUNCES US CITIZENSHIP AND IS PROVIDED WITH OFFICIAL STATEMENT CONFIRMING HE HAS DONE SO. THAT STATEMENT, INsofar AS WE AWARE, HAS ALWAYS BEEN SUFFICIENT FOR GERMAN NATURALIZATION PROCEDURE, WHICH CONSEQUENTLY CAN BE CONCLUDED ALMOST IMMEDIATELY AFTER US RENUNCIATION OCCURS. SHOULD, HOWEVER, WE SUGGEST TO FRG AUTHORITIES THAT THEY DEMAND PRESENTATION OF APPROVED CLN, AN ADDITIONAL SEVERAL MONTHS WILL BE ADDED TO WHOLE PROCESS DURING WHICH APPLICANT WILL BE FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES STATELESS AND WITHOUT VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE, THEREFORE, FOR NOTE TO CONCLUDE "TO REQUIRE THE APPLICANT TO PRESENT EVIDENCE THAT HE HAS FORMALLY RENOUNCED HIS UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP" RATHER THAN BY REFERRING TO CLN. VALDES

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